

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

A. Status of the Claims and Explanation of Amendments

Claims 6, 8-10 and 13-16 are pending in this application. By this paper, claim 6 is amended. Support for the amendment of claim 6 is found throughout the application as originally filed. No new matter will be introduced by entry of this amendment. Entry is respectfully requested.

Claims 6, 8-10 and 13-16 were rejected under U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,525,865 (the Katase '865 patent) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,262,833 (the Loxley '833 patent). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

The process for producing an electrophoretic display as set forth in amended claim 6 is characterized by the step of applying a plurality of stimuli individually to different areas of the optical modulation members deposited on the substrate, thereby coloring one of the optical modulation members to a plurality of colors. The Katase '865 patent and the Loxley '833 patent fail to teach or suggest the above step. Thus, applicant submits that claims 6, 8-10 and 13-16 are patentable over the cited references and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Applicant has not independently addressed the rejections of the dependent claims. Applicant submits that, in view of the amendments to the claims presented herein and, for at least similar reasons as to why the independent claims from which the dependent claims depend are believed allowable as discussed supra,

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the dependent claims are also allowable. Applicant however, reserves the right to address any individual rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary or appropriate.

CONCLUSION

For the above-stated reasons, this application is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable examination on the merits is requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-5185.

Respectfully submitted,
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